

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF DUPAGE  
DARIEN PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 12, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campagnolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Upon roll call the following Commissioners were present:

**PRESENT:** Nancy Campagnolo, Neil Christensen, Frank Noverini, Ray Jablonski, James Tikalsky

**ABSENT:** None.

**Staff:** Stephanie Gurgone; Executive Director, Chris Katsougris; Assistant Director, Della Deldin; Superintendent of Finance; Matt Henderson; General Manager Sportsplex; John Murphey; Attorney

**Guests:** Dave Phillips

**PUBLIC COMMENT & GUESTS**

**A. PDRMA Plaque Presentation**

Mr. Jesse Kinsland, Risk Management Consultant, PDRMA stated that he was recently assigned to Darien Park District as their loss control evaluator from PDRMA. He stated that the Darien Park District received the highest award for 2007 in their first year of doing a review, which is unheard of and something to be proud of.

Mr. Kinsland thanked Executive Director Gurgone and Superintendent Strickler and the staff for their dedication to risk management. He presented the plaque to the Darien Park District for the Loss Control Program Review.

President Campagnolo congratulated staff. She stated that it was an awesome undertaking and that staff worked extremely hard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. **President** – No report.
- B. **Vice President** – No report
- C. **Secretary** – No report
- D. **Treasurer** – Commissioner Christensen highlighted the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending April 30, 2008.

**Commissioner Jablonski made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Tikalsky to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ending April 30, 2008.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Jablonski, Tikalsky, Noverini, Christensen, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the ice contracts for the next three years and agreed to place the contracts on the consent agenda for the Chicago Hawks, ISHL, Montini, Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Lyons Township, Metro West, and Benet & Gomez. She reported that the Board discussed the Fieldhouse contracts for the next season and agreed to place the contracts on the consent agenda for Lakeshore Lacrosse, Lacrosse America and Eclipse Soccer.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the refunding of the 1996 Sportsplex debt and agreed to refund the debt in order to secure lower interest rates and funding for repairing the parking lot at the facility. She reported that the parking lot work is currently being bid with the City’s contract for street repairs and if the bids for the parking lot are back in time, to place the item on the consent agenda.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the Board discussed the Darien Fest and permit fee for 2008. She reported that the Board established the meeting dates and times for the 2008-09 fiscal year and discussed the Budget Line Item motion and the SEASPAR budget and placed both items on the consent agenda. She further reported that President Campagnolo updated the Board on the Darien Intergovernmental Meetings that she and Commissioner Christensen attended.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the next Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and the Committee Meeting scheduled for June 23, 2008.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Executive Director/SEASPAR**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Phase 2 construction is going well and that it should be completed by the end of August.

President Campagnolo stated that she read in the SEASPAR newsletter that Bridget Brown and Lindsay Maddox of Darien were Gold Medal winners in the Special Olympics. She congratulated them and stated that these ladies have been recognized in the past and that they are very committed athletes.

President Campagnolo asked Executive Director Gurgone to highlight the large SEASPAR donation received last month.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that SEASPAR received its largest private donation of \$100,000, with an additional \$100,000 to be received soon to be used for the new EAGLES program, an adult day program to be housed at Sportsplex. She reported that this is a huge donation and was totally unexpected.

### **B. Assistant Director**

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that later in the meeting, the District will be honoring volunteers who have assisted the District over the last year. She reported that a reception will follow the Board meeting.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that registration for the summer programs has begun. She reported that both daycamps begin on June 9<sup>th</sup> offering a camp for 4-6 year olds and a camp for 6-11 year olds and extended camp available beginning at 7 a.m. and extending until 6:00 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are openings in the Co-Rec Golf League beginning Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Carriage Greens. She reported that the league is for experienced golfers and includes 10 weeks of golf (9 holes), weekly use of a

golf cart and a season-end party. She further reported that the cost is \$225 for residents and \$235 for non-residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that a CPR certification class is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. for ages 16 and older. She reported that the cost is \$60 for residents and \$65 for non-residents.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at Darien Community Park and that there is still space available. She reported that the District is kicking off the Summer 2008 Music, Movies & More series with a concert on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> featuring The Neverly Brothers beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that the Preschool annual picnics will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 14 & 15 and graduation on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Hinsdale South High School.

Assistant Director Katsougris reported that there are limited seats available for the Chicago Botanic Gardens on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and that the cost is \$32 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. She also reported that the Untouchable Southside Tour will be held on Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> and that the cost is \$51 for residents and \$56 for non-residents.

### **C. Superintendent of Finance**

Superintendent Deldin reported that the fitness program officially ended and that the District came in 18<sup>th</sup> out of 104 teams. She reported that the 21 participants logged a total of 8,098,914 steps over the 8 week period. Superintendent Deldin reported that the winners were Bob Strickler with 1,368,262 steps, Eileen Hearty with 1,302,553 steps and Donna Carter with 1,270,691. She stated that this is a great program and that she will be working on a summer program.

### **D. Superintendent of Parks**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Superintendent Strickler was out ill and that the Board received his report.

Commissioner Christensen asked for an update on the vandalism at Community Park.

Executive Director Gurgone reported that there was vandalism done to the roof at Community Park. She reported that vandalism is usually seen at this time of year and that the police have been informed.

### **E. Sportsplex General Manager**

General Manager Henderson reported that the construction for the third sheet of ice has begun and is on schedule. He provided photos to the Board.

**F. Other**

President Campagnolo announced that Commissioner Jablonski had perfect attendance this year. She congratulated him for his record and his dedication to the residents.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR CONSENT AGENDA)**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Campagnolo moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:**

**Warrants, April 14, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes, Remaining Ice Contracts for 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, remaining Fieldhouse Contracts for 2008-09, Darien fest Rate/Permit, Establish meeting dates, times, locations for 2008-09 fiscal year, Budget Line Item Adjustment, and the SEASPAR Budget.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski**

**NAYES: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2008A.**

- 1. Accept Low Bid**
- 2. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Darien Park District, Dupage County, Illinois authorizing and providing for \$2,270,000 General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2008A, evidencing interests in Installment Purchase Agreements, as assigned, for improving and equipping certain District facilities, and providing for the security for means of payment under the Agreements of the Certificates.**

Mr. Dave Phillips, Speer Financial reported that the Board received a copy of the preliminary General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates. He reported that there were five bids received with the lowest bidder Harris N.A., Chicago, IL for 3.2774%.

Mr. Phillips emphasized the importance of the bond rating and stated that the GO bonds were raised to AA from A+ and helped the District exceed refinancing estimates.

Mr. Phillips encouraged the Board to review the rating review. He stated that there were some very nice things said about the District. He further stated that that he recommends Harris N.A., Chicago, IL and adoption of the certificates.

President Campagnolo read aloud some of the rationale why the District went from an A+ rating to AA.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Standard & Poor's ratings are the neutral observers and not an opinion. He stated that the District's rating is highly complimentary.

President Campagnolo thanked Mr. Phillips for his help and assistance.

Commissioner Christensen suggested posting the Standard & Poor's rating on the District's website. He stated that it is great to sell the bonds at a premium which generates more revenue. He thanked staff and Speer Financial.

**Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to approve the low bid authorizing and providing for \$2,270,000 General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2008A, evidencing interests in Installment Purchase Agreements, as assigned, for improving and equipping certain District facilities, and providing for the security for means of payment under the Agreements of the Certificates.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Jablonski, Tikalsky, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**B. Sportsplex Parking lot: Motion to approve Sportsplex asphaltting for \$264,571.25 through the City of Darien's MFT low bidder, with the District to reimburse the City of Darien.**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that the low bid is part of the City's asphalt bidding. She reported that there was a significant difference between the three bids, and thanked the City for allowing the park district to participate in the process. Executive Director Gurgone reported that she will work with the City to have all the heavy equipment in for the rink construction before the asphalt work is done.

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to approve the Sportsplex asphaltting in the amount of \$264,571.25 through the City of Darien's MFT low bidder, with the District to reimburse the City of Darien.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **C. Equipment Loan**

Executive Director Gurgone reported that Attorney Murphey is working on the loan documents with Charter One for the equipment loan to cover the costs of both the Olympia Ice Machine and the 580D Mower.

**Commissioner Campagnolo made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to authorize a 5-year loan agreement with Charter One Bank for purposes of purchasing the identified equipment for a 5-year term at an interest rate not to exceed 4%.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **D. Public Comment (for new business)**

None.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Campagnolo reported that each year officers are elected at the first meeting of the fiscal year. She reported that the Board of Directors are elected by the Darien residents but that officers are designated to hold certain duties.

**Commissioner Campagnolo made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate Neil Christensen as President of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Campagnolo, Noverini, Christensen, Tikalsky, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Noverini made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski to nominate Nancy Campagnolo as Vice President of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Noverini, Jablonski, Christensen, Tikalsky, Campagnolo**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Campagnolo made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Christensen to nominate Ray Jablonski as Treasurer of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Campagnolo, Christensen, Noverini, Tikalsky, Jablonski**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

**Commissioner Christensen made a motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Noverini to nominate James Tikalsky as Secretary of the Darien Park District Board of Commissioners.**

**Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted:**

**AYES: Christensen, Noverini, Campagnolo, Jablonski, Tikalsky**

**NAYS: None**

**President Campagnolo declared the motion carried.**

### **ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

President Campagnolo honored the volunteers who have assisted the District over the last year. She thanked the volunteers and stated that the Board and staff greatly appreciated the effort.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tikalsky moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Jablonski that the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote the Motion was thereby carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

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Neil Christensen, President  
Darien Park District

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James Tikalsky, Secretary  
Darien Park District